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National Child Labour Project
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a)the salient features and the current status of the National Child Labour Project Scheme;
(b)the details of funds allocated, released and utilised by various States thereunder during the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;
(c)the total number of child labourers rescued and rehabilitated during the said period, State/UT-wise;
(d)the names and details of Non- Governmental Organisations (NGOs)
through which the said schemes have been implemented along with the details of funds provided to such NGOs in this regard, State/UT-wise;
(e)whether the Government has reviewed/proposes to review the guidelines made for rehabilitation of child labourers in the country during the said period; and
(f)if so, the details and outcome thereof along with the action taken thereon and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (IC) FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
(SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): Government is implementing the National Child Labour Project (NCLP) Scheme for rehabilitation of child labour since 1988. The major objective of the Scheme is to withdraw children from work and mainstream them into formal education system.
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Children rescued/withdrawn from work in the age group of 9-14 years are enrolled in the NCLP Special Training Centres (STC), where they are provided with bridge education, vocational training, mid day meal, stipend, health care, etc. before being mainstreamed into formal education system. Children in the age group of 5-8 years are directly linked to the formal education system through a close coordination with the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA). The NCLP Scheme also envisages awareness generation campaigns against the evils of child labour and enforcement of child labour laws. At present the scheme is sanctioned in 270 Districts of 21 States in the country.
(b): Grant released under NCLP Scheme State wise during last three years and current year is given at Annexure-I.
(c): As per the information received from District Project Societies the number of child labourers rescued/withdrawn from work, rehabilitated and mainstreamed under the NCLP Scheme during the last three years and current year, State-wise is given at Annexure-II.
(d): Under NCLP Scheme funds are directly released to the District Project Societies headed by District Magistrate/Collector who in turn allocates it to the NGOs/voluntary agencies etc. for running of STCs at their end.

(e) & (f): Government has reviewed the NCLP Scheme to make it more effective and revised NCLP Guidelines w.e.f. 1.4.2016. Under the revised Guidelines the STCs for rehabilitation of child labour have been aligned in line with RTE Act; the target group has been expanded to all working children below the age of 14 years; the procedure for setting up of Project Societies and opening of STCs has been simplified; payment of stipend to the children is made on modular basis for a minimum of three months through DBT; the budget of Project Societies/STCs and rate of honorarium for volunteers/staff has been enhanced; procedure for conducting survey has been simplified; Monitoring mechanism has been strengthened at National, State and District level etc.
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